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VIA FACSIMILE (215) 814-3254 AND MAIL

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Re: Required Submission of Information
Chillum PERC Site, Hyattsville, Maryland

Dear Mr. Welsh:

This firm represents [REDACTED] the owner and operator of Chillum Sunoco, located at 5801 Riggs Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782. We are in receipt of the letter from Peter Schaul, Acting Chief, Removal Branch, dated October 9, 2002. On behalf of [REDACTED] we are providing the following response to the requests for information.

QUESTIONS/RESPONSES

1. If you have any information about other parties who may have information which may assist the Agency in its investigation of the Site or who may be responsible for the generation of, transportation to, or release of contamination at the Site, please provide such information. The information you provide in response to this request should include the party's name, address, type of business, and the reasons why you believe the party may have contributed to the contamination at the Site or may have information regarding the Site.

RESPONSE: My former husband and I became the dealers at the station by purchasing the business there in 1990. At that time, the station was branded Chevron. The dealer at the station before us was a man named [REDACTED]. I do not have information pertaining to [REDACTED] but Chevron should have it. In the early 1990's, Chevron determined that it was leaving the area, so we purchased the real property from Chevron in June of 1993.

2. When and under what terms/agreements did you and/or your company acquire the property?

RESPONSE: See response to question number 1 above.

3. Identify all persons having knowledge or information about the generation, transportation, treatment, disposal or other handling of hazardous substances by you, your contractors, or by prior owners and/operators at Chillum Sunoco.

RESPONSE: The only potentially hazardous substances (other than petroleum products) of which I am aware are antifreeze and the parts cleaning solvent that is in the self contained parts washer and degreaser at the station. We also sell windshield washer fluid, but only "to go" to customers. The parts washer and degreaser is serviced by Safety Kleen, Inc., 1301 Gervais Street, Suite 300 Columbia SC 29201, local office is Safety Kleen Inc. 150 Penrod Ct. Glen Burnie, MD 21061, local phone (410) 760-8536. Safety Kleen has serviced the parts cleaner machine at our station since 1990. With regard to antifreeze, we buy some in one gallon sealed containers as needed from various suppliers. We also purchase it in a drum from C&R Antifreeze Recycle, 5722 Lafayette Place, Hyattsville, Maryland 20781 (301) 441-4824. C&R picks up our used antifreeze and used oil. We also use US Filter Recovery Services 1105 North Point Boulevard, Suite 310, Baltimore, Maryland 21224 (telephone 1 (888) 749-8344) to pick up our used antifreeze and used oil.

4. Did you ever use, purchase, store, treat, dispose, transport or otherwise handle any hazardous substances or materials to or from Chillum Sunoco?

RESPONSE: Only the antifreeze and parts cleaning solvent referenced in response no. 3 above. If additional information is needed regarding windshield washer fluid, we will provide it.

If the answer to the preceding question is anything but an unqualified "no", identify:

a) The chemical composition, characteristics, physical state (e.g., solid, liquid) of each hazardous substance;

RESPONSE: The antifreeze and parts cleaning solvent are in liquid form. Safety Kleen should have information regarding the chemical composition of the parts cleaning solvent.

b) Who supplied you with such hazardous substances;

RESPONSE: Safety Kleen supplies the parts cleaning solvent, C&R and others supply our antifreeze.

c) How such hazardous substances were used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed or otherwise handled by you;

RESPONSE: The parts cleaning solvent is kept in the self contained parts cleaner and degreaser until it is serviced/replaced by Safety Kleen. The antifreeze is kept in 1 gallon containers or a drum until it is used. Used antifreeze is picked up by C&R and US Filter Recovery Services.

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d) When such hazardous substances were used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed or otherwise handled by you;

RESPONSE: The parts cleaning solvent and antifreeze have been used at our station ever since I became the dealer in 1990.

e) Where such hazardous substances were used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed or otherwise handled by you;

RESPONSE: See responses above. The use of the antifreeze and parts cleaning solvent occurs at the station.

f) The quantity of such hazardous substances were used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed or otherwise handled by you.

RESPONSE: As to antifreeze, we sell some directly to customers, and service customers' cars by filling their coolant system with antifreeze as needed. The amount varies every month.

5. Describe how hazardous waste was secured to prevent improper disposal of drums or wastes.

RESPONSE: The antifreeze is stored in a drum, and also in one gallon containers in storage or on display. The parts cleaning solvent is kept in the self contained parts cleaner and degreaser.

6. Provide the identities of all predecessors in interest who transported to or stored, treated, generated or disposed of any materials at the Site. Describe in detail the nature of your predecessor in interest's business.

RESPONSE: The only known predecessor of which I am aware is the dealer at the station before me, [REDACTED]. Chevron should have information pertaining to [REDACTED].

Date _____

[REDACTED]
Sincerely,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]